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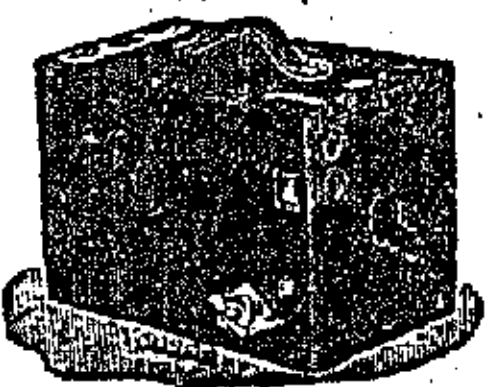
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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 29TH, 1904.

ONE of the widest spread of Church legends has it that the Apostle Thomas had for his sphere of teaching Asia; and that he was successful in converting the Armenians, the people of India, the Chinese, and the "Ethiopians." A later version of the legend relates how he was finally killed by an accident at a place called Mailapur, "the Peacock City," called by Marco Polo Maabar, who gives the story of the death of the Apostle current in his time, and adds: "Before he came to that place, where he thus died, he had been in Nubia, where he converted much people to the faith of Jesus Christ." By the XVIIIth century the story had attained such currency that in 1522 the Portuguese under the viceroyalty of DUARTE MENEZES actually appointed a commission to visit the site, where they found certain bones, which with great élan were transported to Goa, to the Church St. Thomas, where they are still to be seen.

Of course the older version mentioned in the apocryphal Acts, and referred to the IVth century, speaks of the translation of the body of the saint from his place of death to Edessa in Mesopotamia in the year 394, while St. Jerome, about the same date, mentions St. Thomas as having preached the faith in India, so that very respectable authority exists as to the connection of the saint with the Indian peninsula. Still, in the face of the very serious discrepancies in the two stories, the more sober historians have for the last two centuries, at least, been disposed to treat the entire story as little better than a monkish fable, and quite unworthy of credit. Of late

years more recent investigations into the early history of the old state of Gandhara, roughly represented by modern Afghanistan, assisted by the discovery in situ of a nearly perfect sequence of coins, have brought to light unexpected coincidences between the older legends and the sovereigns and place names of the valley of the Cabul River, which cannot be merely accidental, and which go far to strengthen the authenticity of the older legend, and throw light on the actual evangelistic work of the Apostle. Mr. W. R. PHILIPS, in the *Indian Antiquary*, has lately been summing up the results of his investigations. The "Acts of St. Thomas" is one of those apocryphal works of the early Christian ages which are now only beginning to attract the hands of historic students the attention they deserve, not from their intrinsic value, which is of the smallest, but from the curious sidelights they throw on many disputed questions in history, and the early expansion of the Christian religion. The original work seems to have been written about the latter part of the fifth century, but the oldest surviving transcript belongs to the year 936: the story as told is interesting. After the death of Jesus the Apostles divided amongst themselves the countries to be evangelised, and India fell to the part of THOMAS, who, however, showed little inclination for the task. Jesus himself appeared and caused THOMAS to be sold to a merchant called HABRAN, who had received an order from the King of India, whose name was GUNDAPHAR, to obtain an artist to construct and dedicate his palace. The two set out together and landed at a place called Sandaruk. Now who was this GUNDAPHAR, and what was his kingdom? From the evidence of coins a King belonging to the Indo-Scythic state which at one time possessed the valley of the Cabul River, called himself GUNDOPHARES, and there is no doubt that the two were identical. But GUNDOPHARES is an unmistakably Gothic name, the equivalent of GUNDOBERT, a name well known elsewhere as GUNDOBERT or GUNDOBALD. The Chinese writers here come to our aid, and we find he must have been the immediate successor of the king mentioned by Han writers as having crossed the Hindu Kush a few years after the birth of CHRIST, and whom they call KIROLO; and whom we must identify with the Greek KATULPHUS, whose plainly Teutonic form struck YULE as remarkable. From a comparison of the various transcriptions of the name, Chinese and Greek, there is little doubt that some such form as Gothic GUTHLAU was intended. Next as to the country where the Apostle landed, there is equally little doubt that he took the ordinary sea route traversed by the Greek merchants of the day, and landed at one of the sea ports at or near the mouth of the Indus in lower Scinde, which was, as we learn from both Greek and Roman authorities, the general method of going to the upper Punjab. Sandaruk, which has apparently stood in the way of previous commentators, is thus simply a corrupt rendering of Sanskrit Sindhu-rajya, the country of Sindhu, the contemporary name of the district. Here, the story tells us, they assisted at the marriage ceremonies of the local Rajah's daughter, whose father afterwards helped them on their way to the Court of GUNDOPHAR, then, as we learn from other sources, situated at Parashawar, the present Peshawar. So far the local colouring of the tale is clear, and points to the writer as having had personal experience of the route: what follows is more difficult. THOMAS in due course received payment for his work, and earned, according to the chronicler, besides, as a reward for his good works, his wages in Heaven. He had succeeded in converting not only the King but his brother GAD.

Here, however, occurs a narrative more difficult of explanation. An individual named SIFUZ, plainly the common Persian SHAPUR, represented as a general in the service of King MAZDAI, came to visit THOMAS, and took him away in an ox carriage. Here a difficulty arises as to who was this King MAZDAI, and here we must venture on conjecture. Amongst the coins of the country recently discovered are some that bear the strange superscription Suanashao Bazodeo Koshano, regarding which a curious story has been elaborated of three kings, brothers, bearing the strange titles of KANEKA, HUSKA and JUSKA, an evident Mohammedan transliteration similar to such forms as YAGUJ and MAOUI, &c. Rather do these words seem to be titles of some of the later kings of the same country, that of Koshana, the modern Kesh. The first inscription to be noticed is plain, Kshatra kshatruanam, cynisca Kshano,

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"Kshatra of Kshatra, king of Kshana"; the other above described is possibly an attempt at a translation of the same into some Indian vernacular, and the name or title seems to be identical with the Vasudava of the Mathura inscriptions. Here he converted many of the principal persons about the Court, whose names so far as given do not readily lend themselves to identification.

The result of these recent investigations would seem to be that there is strong ground for the old legend that St. Thomas really did come to the north-west of India, and that his mission had considerable success in the Gothic Kingdom of the Indo-Scythians, which up to about the sixth century was the most powerful neighbour of the Persian Empire of the Sassanians, and that he certainly travelled over the lands of the Pamirs, and at least as far into India itself as southern Scinde. He was probably executed under one of the later so-called Scythian kings, but his body was nevertheless buried in the royal sepulchre at Peshawar; whence towards the close of the fourth century it was removed and reinterred near the present Turkish town of Orfah in Mesopotamia.

There does not appear the slightest evidence of his ever having been so far east in India as the city of Madras, and we must dismiss as a late fable the story of his remains having been removed to Goa. There remains one other fact of which we have reasonable evidence. POLO, as we have seen, sent him to Nubia. Ethiopia was, however, the country of which POLO's informant must have spoken. The Ethiopia intended was not the African, but the Asiatic Ethiopia spoken of by Herodotus whose inhabitants in connection with the Indians formed part of the great army which followed XERXES to the attack on Greece. They had, in opposition to the curly locks of the African Ethiopians, straight hair, and are to be looked for in the inhabitants of Beluchistan, and thus near neighbours of the Indo-Scythians in Afghanistan. The Church has fixed his festival on the 21st December, the reason of which is not very plain, but is probably connected with the octave of the Winter Solstice of which it is the opening.

Mr. Probasco, whose name was mentioned in connection with a case at the Supreme Court yesterday, is said to be at Manila.

The Governor of Chekiang, in obedience to orders, is trying to enlist three thousand new troops to be drilled Japanese fashion.

The report that a leading Shanghai firm had received a telegram last week announcing the recall of the Baltic Fleet was a funder.

Capt. Rouch, of the Douglas s.s. *Haitan*, reports that on the 28th inst. a Japanese cruiser was anchored in the outer roads at Amoy.

Mr. W. Stewart is the Hon. Secretary of the Kowloon Dock Bill, to be held on the 30th inst., commencing at 8.30 p.m.

Lieut. Lord Bernard C. Gordon-Lennox, Grenadier Guards, has been seconded for service with the Chinese Regiment of Infantry at Weihaiwei.

Six signed receipts of the China Mutual Life Insurance Co. for sums amounting to over \$1,000 were yesterday found on Des Vœux Road, Central, by Mr. C. M. da Silva, of the Daily Press office, who handed them to the China Mutual's comptroller.

The tea merchants are already taking steps to secure space for China teas in the Belgian exhibition, and arranging to have exhibit shipments passed through the Customs free. It is doubtful, however, whether the *Peking Times*, whether they will meet with as much success as they enjoyed in America.

In consequence of the decease of the Right Rev. Bishop Piazzoli, the President of the Catholic Union, the Club was closed yesterday and the performances of "Ali Baba" have been postponed to the 4th and 6th prox. at 9 p.m., and the 7th prox. at 5 p.m. All seats booked are cancelled. New plans of seats are on view.

The *Strait Times* understands that there was some difficulty in fumigating the baggage of the Sherwood Foresters. A case of smallpox occurred on board the *Avoca* and the baggage was sent to the fumigating chamber at the foot of Fort Palmer. Then some important parts of the disinfecting machinery were stolen.

The Hongkong Volunteer Reserve Association may have rifle practice at the King's Park Range, Kowloon, on Monday and Tuesday, 2nd and 3rd January, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rifles and ammunition can be obtained on the range. A regimental musketry instructor will be present at the range on both days. The 400 yards range only will be available.

This item appeared in the *Peking Times*: "The Japanese have bought 2,000,000 Dutch cheeses at Gouda—for food, not for ammunition.—This is a curious order, however, as the Japanese have no liking for cheese and abhorred even its smell a few years ago." In view of the quality of the Gouda cheese sold in Japanese stores a few years ago, we are inclined to think there must be something in the ammunition theory.

The American consulate at Shanghai is now in charge of Mr. J. W. Davidson, while Mr. Jno. Goodnow is in the United States. Dr. Knappe (Consul-General for Germany) is now the doyen.

Capt. Duolop, of the s.s. *Giong Seng*, which arrived at Singapore on December 15th from Samarang, reported that he picked up two Chinamen in the bottom of a fishing boat off Pulo San in the Rio Straits.

The St. Petersburg *Seel* says—the English are terribly vexed that the trap which they laid in the North Sea did not bring the desired result, and the Japanese were woefully deceived in their expectations since their torpedo-boats in the North Sea did not succeed in damaging one Russian ship.

Another lengthy letter on the financial affairs of the Mahomedan mosque has reached us but we are not disposed to publish any more on this subject. We have been told that no balance sheet of the Mahomedan Charity Funds has been published for five years. We have also been told there is a reason for it. The latest letter throws no more light on the matter.

The *Peking Times* congratulates Mr. Jo In Foley, Traffic Manager of the Imperial Railways, on the receipt of another decoration. Recently, General Petzel called on Mr. Foley and in the name of the Emperor William presented him with the handsome order of the Red Eagle, in recognition of his services rendered to the German troops ever since the occupation.

At the 64th Annual Meeting of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, held on the 13th December, the Directors, after providing for the usual dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the Preferred Stock, recommended a dividend on the Deferred Stock of 64 per cent. for the six months, and a bonus of 3 per cent. making, with the Interim Dividend of 34 per cent. paid in June, a total distribution on the Deferred Stock of 13 per cent. for the year.

With respect to Bordeaux wines, Messrs. Gregor & Co. write:—Our reports to hand by to-day's French mail as to this year's vintage are satisfactory under every respect. The yield has not been excessive, but the quality both in ordinary wines and higher growths promises to be exceptionally good, these latter being especially very useful for bottling. The yield being only regular but quite sufficient in every district, the prices are likely to maintain themselves relatively low, and it is therefore to be hoped that 1904 vintage may be classed as to quality and price with that of 1898.

Japan has renewed her demand for Cardiff steam coal. The quantity is not definitely known, but the orders have been placed with three Cardiff merchant firms, and these firms are now in the market offering freights for Shanghai. One of the best Admiralty colliers sold a parcel of 10,000 tons believed to be on Japanese account. Messrs. Moxey, Savor, and Co. have already chartered one steamer of 5,500 tons for Shanghai or Japan at a freight rate of 16s. A report that another steamer had been chartered at 18s. is contradicted, and firm offers of 17s. were known to be under consideration last month.

A world's record in shooting has just been made by the battleship *Cesar*, flagship of Lord Charles Beresford, who publicly congratulated the ship's crew. The total number of rounds fired from her 6-inch guns was 227, and the number of hits 149. This works out at 9.45 rounds per minute per gun and 6.2 hits per minute per gun. The practice with the 12-inch guns was hardly so satisfactory, although one man made six hits out of seven rounds fired. Each 6-inch gun was allowed two minutes to fire at a target made of canvas, and measuring 2 ft. by 20 ft., the range being 2,000 yards, opening out to 2,600 yards. No one was allowed to assist the gun's crews, and no "spotting" was permitted.

A telegram to the *Straits Times* said:—Consequence on the signing of the Franco-Siamese Convention, Siam has appointed M. Padoux, of the French Consular Service, to be Legal Adviser of the Siam Government. Colonel Goulet has been appointed to command the native militia in the provinces of Battambang and Siemreap. Our contemporary commented: M. Padoux entered the French Consular service in 1890. He has spent the greater part of his career in Tunis, whence he comes to take up the appointment in Bangkok. M. Padoux is one of France's most brilliant Consular officers and has an excellent reputation. Regarding Col. Goulet we can find no reference. It is presumed that the command of a native militia regiment would not be given to a very prominent military officer.

"In my opinion," says a writer in *Commercial Intelligence*,—"there exists in China a splendid opportunity for many lines of business, but unfortunately our own people do not for the most part master the difficulties of the language and customs of the people, and consequently business is going to Germans and others, who have taken the trouble to equip themselves more thoroughly for business in China. It is courting defeat for Europeans to go out to China to open up business there unless they are prepared to make themselves familiar with the manners of the people, to study their language, and to enter into their life. I believe that if men will go out prepared to work, and to fill the requisite conditions, there is a great field for them; but I should like to say here, most emphatically, that firms who send out men whose only thought is to live as near as possible up to the manners of the English country gentlemen, are doing an ill service not only to them selves, but to the nation itself."

It is announced in the *Gazette* that the King has granted to Mr. Walter Denning authority to accept and wear the Insignia of the Fifth Class of the Imperial Japanese Order of the Rising Sun, conferred upon him in recognition of valuable services rendered by him to the Emperor of Japan in his capacity of Professor of English Literature in the Second High School at Sendai.

Four time-expired employees at the Naval Yard, Messrs. Gray, Hodge, Varcoe and Bull, received presentations the other evening from their Naval Yard colleagues. Mr. Gray—an inspector of fitters—and Mr. Helge—a storehouse-man—left for Home by the C.P.R. mail steamer yesterday. Mr. Varcoe—a boilermaker—and Mr. Bull—a founder—leave for home on Saturday.

The *Singapore States* that the Shanghai has assented to the proposal of Shantung gentry to mark out commercial settlements in Cheutsun and Weilsun, where foreigners may reside and trade, but that it is stipulated that there shall be no perpetual leases granted to foreigners as in Treaty ports; only temporary leases for a certain number of years, liable to renewal on expiration. Furthermore, no landholder can sell his land to foreigners, and poor natives desiring to sell their lands within the Settlement in question must sell to the official Land Bureau.

A bird fancier was before the Police Court yesterday morning to answer a charge of hawking without a licence. His wares—consisting of four coops of fowls—were brought along with him and placed outside the door of the large Court. As Mr. Gompertz was busily engaged deciding facts in cases, he was frequently disturbed by the loud crowing of several cocks, and at length ordered their removal. A Chinese constable, in the execution of this duty, happened to break one of the coops, and the fowls got out. Then followed a worse commotion than ever.

A Peking letter states, according to the *N. C. Daily News*, that a wealthy notable of Anhui province, named Sun, has succeeded in starting a Company for the establishment of a cotton spinning mill in the district of Pochon, in the same province. He has already obtained shares to the extent of Tls. 100,000, of which the Grand Secretary Wang Wenshao and Generals Ma Yu-kun and Chiang Kuei-ti—the latter commanding the division of Viceroy Yuan Shih-kai's foreign-modelled troops guarding the Imperial Palaces—have bought Tls. 60,000 worth. A special deputy, a sub-prefect named Tien Kuei, who has a little knowledge of English, it is stated, has been appointed to go to the United States to purchase the necessary machinery for the proposed mill.

## "KING DODO."

On Saturday night the Pollard "kiddies" will introduce to Hongkong "King Dodo," an entirely new musical comedy, which according to a Shanghai contemporary has pretty music, smart dialogue, with much of the charm of a fairy tale to commend it to public favour.

A brief outline of the comedy shows King Dodo as feeling the burden of his years hanging heavily upon him. He commands Mudge, his court historian, to turn back the clock thirty years. His command, however, though carried out, does not have the desired effect of making him feel younger. He then commands Dr. Fizz, his Court physician, to prepare some drug which will bring back his youthful days. Dr. Fizz then prepares his marvellous Elixir of Life, which has the desired effect, and leads H.R.H. into many ludicrous adventures, finally ending in his betrothal to Queen Lili, a neighbouring ruler. There is much smart dialogue between these two, and funny situations.

Master Jack Pollard in the title role made a tremendous hit, it being a part that suits him admirably, while Miss Daphne Pollard in the part of Pilsa played the part in her well-known versatile manner. Miss Olive Moore gave a wonderful performance of the part of Queen Lili.

The play is brimful of sparkling wit and merriment, and should not be missed by anyone who enjoys a capital night's entertainment. "King Dodo" will be produced on Saturday, 31st December, and Monday, 2nd January. The company will leave for Manila on Tuesday, 3rd January, and from there on to Canada and the United States, where they are booked for a season covering some eighteen months.

## SECRET SOCIETIES IN NORTH CHINA.

It is reported from Peking that members of secret societies from the Southern and Central provinces have been lately organising branch societies in the neighbourhood of Kalgan, on the Chihli-Mongolia frontier. The names of the secret societies are Tsaiyuan Hui (from South-western Chihli), Hungchun Hui (Honan province), and Santien Hui (from Kwangtung province). It is further stated that the emissaries of these societies have been very successful, each society having obtained from 900 to 1,200 members, within the past three months. The authorities, however, appear to be aware of these things, and are preparing for eventualities.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—On the 28th at 11.30 a.m. The barometer has fallen in Formosa, and the neighbouring portion of the Pacific, and has risen at all other stations.

The anticyclone continues over the interior of China and is extending eastward towards S.W. Japan. Gradients are rather steeper upon the east coast of China and fresh N.E. monsoon will be continued in the Formosa Channel and to the northward, and fresh to strong monsoon in the China Sea. Forecast:—Fresh to strong E. winds, cloudy, fair.

## TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]

## VENEZUELA AND THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, 26th December.

Venezuela is placing guns in position, at La Guayra and Puerto Cabello, it is supposed in view of the strong intimation from Washington that she must mend her ways and discharge her obligations to foreigners.

## TROUBLE IN POLAND.

LONDON, 26th December.

A revolutionary demonstration took place on the 25th instant, at Radom, Poland, where mobilization was proceeding; a demonstrator fired on the troops and the Colonel in command was killed.

## NAVAL APPOINTMENT.

LONDON, 26th December.

Rear-Admiral W. H. May has been appointed to the command of the Atlantic fleet, the appointment dating from March, with the rank of Vice-Admiral. This is evidently the outcome of the scheme of the 11th Dec mber.

## THE WAR.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]

## PORT ARTHUR.

LONDON, 26th December.

The latest Japanese successes at Port Arthur indicate that the Japanese are endeavouring to isolate the Liaotshuan promontory.

The *Nanshu Maru* has left for Port Arthur with ten foreign Attachés, some representatives of the Diet, and Press representatives, on board.

## COLLISIONS IN THE HARBOUR.

The steam launch *Wing Loi* collided with a sampan yesterday afternoon close to the s.s. *Telemaachus* at West Point. The sampan was capsized and the occupants thrown into the water, one boy being drowned, and another boy and girl picked up by the crew of the *Telemaachus* in an exhausted condition. While awaiting the arrival of an ambulance the officers of the above ship rendered first aid. The children were then conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Another collision, in which, fortunately, no fatalities resulted, was caused by the s.s. *Whampoa* running into a small boat and cutting it in two. The occupants were all rescued by the Police pinnace.

## CHINESE COMBATANTS.

The Russian report that follows has several obvious improbabilities. The *Peterburgsky Listok* has received from its correspondent at Kharbin the following telegram, the publication of which, it says, has been permitted by Lieutenant-Colonel Alexieff:—

"To-day I received important information from an absolutely trustworthy source to the effect that General Okakura and Colonel Sibato, of the Japanese Army, have opened a recruiting station for Chinese at the village of Shilitin, eighty-five kilometres from the station of Sin-min-ting. With the object of obtaining recruits, the Japanese have circulated hundreds of thousands of copies of a Proclamation calling upon the Chinese to place themselves under the Japanese flag to fight the Europeans, and pointing out that the Japanese and Chinese have the same religion and speak almost the same language (!) During the first few days after the issue of the Proclamation, as many as 7,000 recruits were enrolled daily, each man immediately receiving a Japanese uniform. The number of applicants subsequently dwindled, however, to 1,000 per day, owing to a misunderstanding with the Japanese authorities. The Chinese recruits, who are paid at the rate of 40 diens a month, are known as Voluntary Militia. They are sent after enrolment to Yinkow, whence they are distributed in small detachments among the regular Japanese regiments in the field."

## HOW TO TAKE PORT ARTHUR.

The *Manila Times* has had the following inspiration:—

Now is the time for the Japanese to get fox and demonstrate to the world that they are the greatest strategists in the world. They cannot take Port Arthur by direct assault without losing more men than their country can spare. There is another way in which they can do it, and although we pointed it out to them months ago there seems to have been no disposition to avail themselves of the suggestion so freely offered. Perhaps some of the Japanese generals reported against it out of jealousy because they hadn't thought of it themselves. It is this:—The Russians in Port Arthur must have provisions, and every little once in a while ships put out from Chefoo to carry needed food stuffs into the blockaded port. Now it would be the simplest matter in the world for the Japanese to place ten thousand soldiers, with short carbines, cutlasses, and pistols, in ten thousand barrels, mark them all flour or fresh meat, bore little holes for the men inside to get air, put them on a ship, and allow the ship to slip through the blockade. It would probably be a day or so before the Russians could attend to getting the cargo ashore and opening the barrels. Meanwhile, the first night the Japs could liberate themselves, with the connivance of the crew, and form on the dock and start storming the garrison from within. While the attention of the Russians was thus engaged by a new and unexpected enemy, the Japs could send their opportunity to place their scaling ladders and swarms over the walls unharmed. Thus the fortress would be taken and the celebrated feat of the Greeks and the wooden horse made to look like a bungling piece of stagewarfare."











## SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, 28th December.

## IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. T. SERCOMBE SMITH (PUNISH JUDGE).

MOON A. VIEIRA AND CO. V. THE CHINA EASTERN CONTRACTING CO.

In this case the plaintiff firm, merchants, residing at No. 36, Queen's Road Central, claimed from the defendant firm, merchants, recently of No. 36, Queen's Road Central, \$416.90, \$400 being rent owing to them and \$16.90 of the action.

Mr. Dixon (of Mr. John Hastings' office) appeared for the plaintiff firm, and Mr. E. J. Grist (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) for the defendant firm.

The \$400 was stated as being three months' rent, at \$1.00 per month, payable in advance, for October, November and December, and one month's rent in lieu of notice.

Moosa Elrabia, a partner in the plaintiff firm, said he made the letting arrangements with a representative—Mr. Probasco—of the defendant firm. Mr. Probasco, who said he was a partner in the China Eastern Contracting Co., went into possession in September, and paid the rent for that month in advance. The plaintiff firm had received no rent since. The defendants left the premises on the 12th December. Since that date a distress had been issued on the furniture.

Mr. Dixon said the furniture realized some \$160, so the plaintiffs were now suing only for the balance due.

Cross-examination, witness said he forgot whether he gave a receipt for the rent for September in Mr. Probasco's own name, or in the name of the firm. Mr. Probasco lived on the premises, using one of three rooms as a bedroom and the other two as offices. He did not know when Mr. Probasco's Company was formed; Mr. Probasco said he was going to open a firm.

His Honour said that as the Company was not formed when Mr. Probasco rented the premises, the contract could not be taken to have been made on behalf of the Company. He gave judgment for the defendant firm with costs.

## THE HO FAT KEE &amp; LI KAN TAI.

The plaintiff in this action claimed \$150 plus \$10.50, \$10 being costs and \$0.50 expense on account of a bailiff. Mr. O. D. Thomson appeared on behalf of the plaintiff firm of contractors, doing business at No. 49, Queen's Road East. The defendant, a junk owner whose junk is under arrest, was represented by Mr. Dixon (of Mr. John Hastings' office). The plaintiff alleged that the money had been lent by him to the defendant.

The defendant said he had paid the money to Ho Fat, a partner in the Ho Fat Kee shop. A witness for the defence said he had seen Ho Fat at a quarter to two that afternoon, just outside the Supreme Court, but, instead of waiting to give evidence, he had gone off in a ricksha with the plaintiff.

Mr. Dixon applied for a remand so that he might try and bring Ho Fat to give evidence.

The plaintiff had previously stated that he was in Mr. Hastings' office between one and two o'clock.

His Honour remanded the case till Friday afternoon, remarking—Injustice is being done somewhere. There is something crooked which I want to get at.

## FOOTBALL.

## HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB "A" TEAM V. R.E. RESERVES.

This match was played at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, and resulted in a win for the Engineers by four goals to nil. Teams were as follows:—

Club:—Konnert, goal; E. F. Aucott and Substitutes, backs; Gröne, Brown and Henderson, halves; H. Seth, Clarke, Taylor, Davies and J. Wenney, forwards.

Reserves:—Widows, goal; Henwood and Parker, backs; Ross, Nettleton and Bell, halves; Bessie, Spire, Heatley, Thistleton and Hampton, forwards.

The Club, as usual, started off one man short, but despite the odds kept the play around the soldiers' goal for some time. At length the Engineers worked the ball nicely along the left wing to their opponents' goal, and in a scramble in front, Gröne, with one of those unfortunate shots which occasionally occur, sent the ball into the net, thus scoring for the Engineers. In a fresh start the Club worked the leather towards their opponents' net. It was nicely centred by Seth, but the goalkeeper, rushing out, sent it well along the field. The soldiers got on it, and for a time the Club posts had to be smartly guarded by the goalkeeper. Play was then transferred to the other end of the field, where the Club had four corner kicks in succession. A smart struggle occurred in front of the soldiers' posts after each kick, but when the whistle blew the score remained unchanged.

Half-time: Engineers, 1; Club, nil.

The beginning of the second half found the play in front of the Club's stronghold, where each team were working hard. Bessie eventually shot a second goal for the Engineers. The Club were still hard pressed, but working well together transferred the ball to the vicinity of their opponents' goal. Seth had a shot in front, but the leather was driven above the net. The space again lessened before the Club's goal, and in a rally in front, Heatley shot it in. Shortly afterwards the same player drove a second ball home.

Result:—Engineers 4; Club, nil.

H. K. F. C. V. A. NAVAL TEAM.

## PARIS.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT]

25th November.

## WEATHER.

The suddenness with which the winter has set in has surprised everybody, and taken most Parisians quite unawares. Considering the exceptionally warm summer we have had, there is indeed every reason to anticipate one of the old-fashioned winters—severe and long. Misery prevails everywhere, despite all the efforts made by the Government and private persons to alleviate the endless sufferings of the poor. The sweeping away of the snow and slush has given work to many unemployed. So much remains to be done, that the Municipality may be excused for feeling somewhat embarrassed. The Municipal Council of this city does exemplary work during the winter as regards assisting the genuine necessitous; it is no easy task, as one may readily imagine, to relieve thousands of men, women, and children as soon as winter and all its drawbacks set in. Yet, relief is extended right and left; more cannot be done. Wherever there are impostors about, public willingness to aid would still be more apparent; unfortunately, there are still too many about that seek the cloak of Charity as an excuse for not working. As one cannot give to all, many who no doubt really deserve help suffer in consequence. Loafers—and their name is legion in every country—do a vast amount of harm. The authorities are ever on the alert for such deceivers, whom they punish most severely. Heart-rending accounts of families subsisting on a mere nothing fill the papers; cases of this kind are not overlooked as a rule, so far as public charity is concerned.

## A CAPITAL PLAY.

The Theatre Antoine is one of the best places in Paris where to see a clever, most up-to-date, and amusing piece. Its last production entitled *L'Asile de Nuit* is certainly no exception to this remark. When the curtain rises, the *asile* or night shelter is just on the point of closing for the night, the time being nine o'clock. The director having finished his day's work is going off to play his usual game of cards at the *café* opposite with his chums, leaving "Monsieur Soupe," his underling, so called because the only person in the establishment who ever gets the morning soup which each waif and stray is supposed to receive. A ring is heard at the door; on the latter being opened, a wretched creature, with a ridiculous comic name, all rags and tatters, tries hard to seek admission. The director who was about to leave for the purpose of enjoying himself becomes naturally furious at being delayed by the new-comer, and after banging down his hat and coat, and complaining of the bitterness of his lot, puts no end of absurd questions to the poor old man, who stands helpless and shivering before him. One thing terrifies the unfortunate, the idea of taking a bath! He would be the happiest of mortals, could he only be let off that *corvée*; the more so, as "experience" has taught him that dirt, once it has accumulated, is so comforting and warming that he is next to unable to live without it. The director, while dying to get off, insists upon the stranger being bathed and so conform to the rules of the establishment. Unable to stand it any longer, Monsieur le Directeur flings himself out of the *asile*, leaving his representative to do his best he can under the circumstances. Monsieur Soupe agrees to listen patiently to the individual's tale of woe. The two are actually deeply engaged in conversation, M. Soupe telling the wayfarer in turn how badly the shelter is managed, when he should come in unexpectedly by the director! The latter after having explained in a stage whisper that he is very uneasy because some journalists have recently visited a neighboring *asile*, and shown things up, proceeds to flatter his latest guest in the wildest manner, and to offer him every comfort, much to the astonishment of "Monsieur Soupe," who looks on bewildered, particularly so, when the director after being so exacting, orders that the stranger is to be exempted from a bath. Subsequently, a whole bundle of good clothes sent by some charitable person is really given to the person for whom they were intended—a homeless waif; the expulsion of the stranger who is suspected of being one of the uncharitable journalists in question, and of M. Soupe, follows, when the curtain comes down on a most laughable play, for which the Theatre Antoine has long since been noted.

## POLITICAL PROSPECTS.

What will the next Cabinet be like? This is a question which everyone is talking about, since that of M. Combes is gradually sinking more and more. It never was so near disappearance as at the beginning of the week, when the Minister of Finance, M. Rouvier, a very able man, sent his resignation to M. Loubet, on the plea that he strongly disapproved of the Income Tax Bill which M. Combes was determined to pass at all costs through Parliament. The President of the Republic, who views the inevitable crumbling to pieces of the Cabinet with sorrow, did all he could to induce M. Rouvier to remain where he was, but the Minister of Finance not only formally refused to do so, but also kept away from the Cabinet Council meeting. Nothing else was to be done but to lay M. Rouvier's letter of resignation before the Cabinet. Matters grew gradually worse, for M. Delcassé, Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Chaumié, Minister of Public Instruction, and M. Maréchal, Minister of Public Works, threatened to resign as soon as the resignation of M. Rouvier was accepted. Of course, the crisis implied the certain downfall of the Ministry. Out of respect for M. Loubet, the three named Ministers agreed to do nothing in regard to their threatened resignations during the day. In the course of the afternoon M. Loubet went to pay a visit to M. Rouvier, and succeeded in inducing him to withdraw his resignation. A crisis was thus averted thanks to the able tact and diplomacy of the President of the Republic, on whose shoulders all troubles fall. M. Combes will not remain in power very much longer. He is becoming very unpopular with the masses—that which means the signing of his death warrant, as a politician.

## POLICE COURT.

Wednesday, 28th December.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ (FIRST POLICE MAGISTRATE).

## ALLEGED ATTEMPTED BRIBERY.

Ho Yu Ting, Sergeant Interpreter at Kowloon City, was charged with attempted bribery, Sergeant Cameron prosecuted, and Mr. Bailey (of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master's office) appeared on behalf of the accused. Sergeant Cameron stated that on the 6th instant Wing Sun, the complainant, went to the defendant's private residence for the purpose of getting the date of a burial permit altered from the 6th to the 7th instant. The Interpreter said he could not alter the permit. The complainant went away and called on him again, when the defendant said he would alter the date provided he paid a sum of \$8. Meantime, complainant's brother had come to Hongkong and obtained permission from the authorities to alter the date of the permit. After the hearing of lengthy evidence, His Worship discharged defendant, and recalling a witness for the prosecution, Wong Tai Fook, son of the complainant, ordered him to pay a fine of \$25 for telling a lie in the witness box, or to undergo in default two months' imprisonment.

## ALLEGED LARCENY.

Ip Su Kan, at the instance of Sergeant Grant, was charged with the larceny of \$50 from the firm of Messrs. J. Reiss and Company, Queen's Buildings. The evidence of two rich ricksha coolies who lived with the defendant on the premises showed that he had given each of them a dollar to buy a ricksha and Chinese delicacies. He further gave each of them a ticket to go to a Chinese theatre. They went, and he joined them later. They stayed at the theatre all night, and the ricksha coolies were the first to return next morning. The defendant arrived after them and immediately walked into Mr. Tompkins, the manager's room. He called out "Things have been stolen." When the coolies came into the room he said, pointing to a box, "The master has lost something from this box: we three will be blamed for it. I will take this ricksha and force open the side door leading to the stairway, also the door leading from the verandah into the theatre's room. He will then think something has been stolen and break in." The defendant then went and informed the manager, and on Mr. Tompkins' arrival, he discovered that \$50 had been removed from a box in his office. As none of the money could be found on the defendant, and as His Worship did not consider the evidence sufficiently strong, the charge was dismissed.

## A TRIAL.

Lok San, one of the witnesses in the previous case, was charged with being a member of the Triad Society. The case was remanded, in order that translations might be made of books in his possession.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELARD (SECOND POLICE MAGISTRATE).

## A DARING THEFT.

Wong Yung, a coolie, lodged with a bag of \$500 in Queen's Road East on Tuesday last. The evidence showed that two Chinese gentlemen went to a money changer's to change a \$1,000 bill into subsidiary coins. The money changer gave them a bag containing \$500, which after examining and finding correct, they placed on the counter. They were busy examining a second bag containing a similar amount when Wong snatched the money on the counter and ran away, followed by an Indian watchman. He took a ricksha and urged the coolie along Queen's Road. The runner was, however, not lengthening the distance between the pursued and pursuers, so the defendant dispensed with his services and took another ricksha. This coolie made the pace warm, but unfortunately for Wong, the vehicle capsize, and he was thrown on to the road, where he was caught by the watchman, and given in charge. On appearing before His Worship he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to a term of three months' hard labour, and in lieu of one day of the said imprisonment, six hours' public exposure in the stocks.

## GAMBLING.

Inspector Macdonald charged three men with dealing in Sanpin lottery tickets at Yamnati. They were each fined \$25, in default six weeks' imprisonment.

## NO MINT FOR SHANGHAI.

Governor Tuan Fang intended to establish a mint in Shanghai and had already ordered the necessary machinery of the works. Chinese-like, the moment a man leaves a place his successor generally countermands if possible all his predecessor's orders. Hence it appears, says the *N. C. Daily News*, that with his Excellency's appointment to Hunan, Shanghai is not to have a mint, after all. A Nanking despatch states that Viceroy Chou Pu has given orders that the machinery ordered for the Shanghai mint is to be sent to Nanking and added to that already working in the Kiangnan mint in that city, while the copper and spelter contracted for, upon arrival in Shanghai, are also to be transferred to Nanking.

## OPIUM SMUGGLERS.

The *Straits Times* of December 15th says: Opium smuggling in this Settlement is a profitable game. It has been so for a very long time, but from what we now learn the day of the smuggler has come, and he will have to choose between gaining his livelihood by these illicit means or leaving the Colony for the rest of his earthly days. The profits of smuggling are so handsome that no one is effective enough to stop the practice. The Government has, therefore, taken definite action in the matter, and a policy of leniency has been instituted instead of the former severe fines. The effects of this are already being felt, for smuggling is on the rapid decrease. This is attributed solely to the banishment orders passed upon detected offenders. We believe this is the first time since the Banishment Ordinance was passed that it has been systematically enforced against these opium smugglers, and the effect has been little short of remarkable. Several respected Chinese traders in this town are now being closely watched, and if they are detected engaged in the illicit traffic there is little doubt their days in the Colony of the Straits Settlements are numbered. The smuggling is largely carried out from Teochew trading concerns in Amoy and similar ports, the chandu being conveyed in Chinese produce brought down here. We are glad to note the wholesome effect of the Government's action in this matter.

At Shanghai, it appears, gas is a much cheaper illuminant than electricity. A correspondent of our contemporary says that he is paying just twice as much for light since he had the electric system put in. He has to pay half a tael monthly for hire of the meter, whereas his old gas meter was gratis.

## STRAITS AND GENERAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

The annual general meeting was held last month at the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Moorgate-place. Mr. Alfred Gausson, who presided, moved the adoption of the report. He observed that the principal item in it was that which dealt with Pasoh and the company's affairs in the East. At the last meeting he reminded the shareholders that £200,000 set against the assets in the Malay Peninsula was a somewhat spectral one. He regretted to have to tell them that the word "spectral" must now be replaced by the word "vanished." The unconditional lease of Pasoh was one of three leases to acquire which the Pahang Exploration Company was formed in 1888, and for which large sums of money were paid. Sir F. Weld, ex-Governor of the Straits Settlements and its dependencies, lent his name and the imprimatur of his high position—a fact which "probably conveyed to the investors of the day a sense of security almost amounting to Government protection. That company's failure was owing, to a great extent, to inadequate police protection during a local war. The Straits Development Company was formed in 1891 to take over the business, and then as regarded Pasoh a new lease was substituted for the old one, the authorities using the opportunity of transfer to insert conditions and to make an unconditional lease conditional. The Straits Development Company followed the Pahang Exploration Company into liquidation after spending about £40,000 in the East. In his opinion the *coup de grace* was given to it by the Government, who cancelled the other two concessions, leaving the company only Pasoh. The Straits and General Development Company was created in 1902, when he became liquidator of the new one. Every conceivable delay faced the company's attempts to get the property transferred to the new company, until the board began to doubt whether there was any intention on the part of the local authorities to transfer it at all. On October 8, 1903, a notice of forfeiture to take effect last July was served on him. During the intervening period, presumably either he was expected to spend a large sum of money, which he did not possess, or the directors were to do so, on Pasoh, to which at the time the company had no title. This state of things was brought to an end on March 1 last by the unexpected news of the granting of the transfer after a delay of two years. The board at once cabled out orders to start a prospecting expedition without delay. When all preparations had been made it was discovered that the so-called transfer was a mere make-believe, for it was only an intimation that the authorities were prepared to consider an application for a prospecting licence for a year. An appeal had been made to the Colonial Secretary, but without effect. There were now two courses open to the company—an appeal to law or the acceptance of their defeat "lying down." They had justice on their side, but he regretfully advised the shareholders to shrink from the expenditure which would be inevitable if the company fought the matter out. The policy which he advocated would mean the complete severance of the company's interest in the Malay Peninsula and the sale of the machinery as scrap-iron. It meant the winding-up of the Malay States Tin Mines and the disposal of two tin properties for whatever they would fetch; that while the company would remove their operations to a less dangerous sphere they would have to write off £200,000 of their nominal capital. The directors were united in their views on the matter. The company had been forced into their present position by the consistent hostility of the authorities. The board proposed to call the two meetings required by law as soon as possible. They would go to the Courts and get permission to reduce the capital by the amounts standing against the two first assets—about three-fourths of the whole. The matter would be laid before the shareholders—almost immediately. The re-arrangement of the capital account would enable the company as soon as affairs in South Africa took a turn to develop their interests there. Mr. E. J. Halsey seconded the motion, which was adopted after some discussion.

## MARINE INSURANCE.

The *Times* Marine insurance reporter wrote on Nov. 24th:—

The steamer *Tang Chow*, reported captured by the Japanese while carrying provisions to Port Arthur, is not apparently insured. She is 1,505 tons, built in 1885, and formerly belonged to the China Navigation Company, but was sold some time since. Coal cargoes for Vladivostok continue to be done. Many of these, after being provisionally insured, have been subsequently cancelled, and an amusing incident occurred yesterday in regard to one of them. The shipper of the coal, after arranging for the insurance, was unwilling to put it definitely forward unless the Russian Government would pay cash in London against the shipping and insurance documents. The Russians stated that they would pay cash in St. Petersburg against the documents, but that these papers must be sent thither. In order to provide for all contingencies it was desired, on behalf of the shipper, to insure the risk of payment not being made by Russia after the documents had been sent to St. Petersburg. But not even the most expert underwriters here would be at the risk! The incident, in itself small, is of some importance as an indication of the exceedingly low opinion entertained here of Russian commercial probity.

On November 22, he reported that the *Thales* was not insured.

The number of coal steamers for Vladivostok, and engaged on mysterious coal-carrying charters, increases rapidly, and almost every day sees additions made to the list. They are insured generally for Vladivostok at 30 guineas per cent, with a return of five guineas per cent. if not captured.

Ten guineas per cent. have been paid on the British steamer *Inverness*, Tacoma for Muroran, Japan. She left Port Townsend on October 16. The *Inverness* is 3,735 tons, built in 1902, and owned by A. M. Sutherland.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P.M. steamer *Korea*, with mails, &c., left Nagasaki for this port direct on Tuesday, the 27th inst. at 5 p.m., and is due here to-morrow at 2 p.m.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of India* left Vancouver on Monday, the 26th inst., for Hongkong via the usual route of call.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Denali* left High on the 26th inst. at daylight, and is due here about the 31st inst.

The steamer *C. Apar*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the morning of the 27th inst., and is due here on the 2nd prox.

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## WINTER QUARTERS IN MANCHURIA.

The following interesting account of the winter quarters of the armies in Manchuria is furnished by a correspondent of the *Times*:—

With November the cold weather begins in Manchuria and is increasingly intense. Around Mukden the thermometer does not usually fall below zero (Fahr.) until the middle of December, when night after night it may sink to five, ten, and even 20 degrees below zero, and during January to 3. In the frequent north-easterly or north-westerly blizzards no human beings can live under canvas. Some may be quartered in native houses; but where, even supposing that the owners should be ruthlessly turned out, will accommodation be found for half a million of men?

The answer is simple; the Japanese are already making use of underground dwellings, such as the natives sometimes use, and which were used by the Russians during the winter after the Boxers had destroyed their railway buildings. The soil of Manchuria, especially in the districts between Mukden and Liang-yang, where it is, largely, loess and sand. The Japanese, who hold the low hills with gentle slopes, are in the better position. The method is to dig a trench about 10 ft. to 12 ft. deep and varying in width, but generally about 9 ft. wide. A narrow stairway is cut leading down to the south end. At the base it is widened and a door frame set up with a native door, turning on wooden pivots. The upper half of the door is open work, which, being covered with the opaque native window paper, admits light. The sun shines at midday down the steps and, when the door is opened, freshens and warms the room. Immediately within, on one side, is a cooking stove, camp oven or boiler, in a simple and primitive style, to which both Russian and Japanese are accustomed. Along the length of the trench is a platform some 2 ft. high and 6 ft. wide, made of hammered earth and rough unburned bricks. Beneath this are several simple lines, up and down which the smoke and heat from the cooking place finds its way, issuing at the end, remote from the entrance, by a small chimney, cut in the solid ground. On this platform, which resembles the old style of platform, a fine and is called by the Chinese a *kang*, many men can sleep in warmth and comfort on a rough mat or dried grass. The mode of heating is not only economical, but the fumes of burning and carry off the earth damp-carbonic acid gas which always generates in underground dwellings. Across the top of the trench rough pieces of timber or poles are laid, and on these kauling stalks or straw, upon which is heaped the earth excavated from the trench. This covering keeps out the cold and is practically shell proof. No rain falls, and but little snow, and the latter can, if desired, be swept off the roofs or mounds over the dwelling.

The Japanese have access to a large number of the native "surface" coal mine, where a coarse dust is readily excavated and can be, when mixed with a little wet loess earth, burned in the rough cooking places referred to, in which grass, rubbish, and almost anything can also be consumed as fuel. Whilst the first 12 ft. to 20 ft. of the plain and low hills now occupied by the armies are dry in winter, good water can be found almost anywhere at 25 ft. to 30 ft. below the surface.

## EVADING THE SUGAR TAX.

A remarkable example of evasion of the Sugar-tax has come to light in Tokyo. According to the *Yomiuri*, the offenders are the Nippon Soseito Kaisha, or Japan Sugar Refining Company of Tokyo, who have been evading the Sugar-tax by fraudulent means for months past. The Managing Director of the company and the man in charge of the rum manufacture department are now being prosecuted at the Tokyo Chihō Saibansho by a certain Mr. Kin on a charge of evading the tax. It is stated that since October 1901, when the Sugar consumption-tax was put into force, the company has been in a difficult position, and unable to declare any dividend. The position of the company, however, suddenly improved in the second half of last year, when a good dividend was declared, and especially during the present half-year. This is now alleged to be due to profits made by evading the Sugar-tax. It seems that the company has been importing the raw material from Hawaii. First of all, it is alleged, both the Customs and consumption-tax were artfully evaded in passing the raw sugar through the Yokohama Customs House. In the lighters transporting the sugar from the steamer to the wharves, employees of the company would extract 70 to 80 kin from certain bags and conceal the amount at the bottom of the lighter, and later this would be forwarded to Tokyo without undergoing the examination of the Customs authorities. Two other employees of the company were stationed at Yokohama, where they passed 500-kin bags for 400 kin at the Customs by fraudulent means, and the sugar so smuggled was concealed in tanks. Employees kept watch round the premises of the company against the advent of the tax officers, and gave warning at their approach. Two sets of books were kept, one for the inspection of the authorities, and the others for private use. It is also alleged that scales used by the company for the examination of sugar by the authorities were fraudulent. The raw material refined daily being about 450 bags, the tax evaded would total 344 yen per day or about 123,000 yen a year. Some time ago the Metropolitan Police had reason to suspect the company, but failed to obtain evidence. Now it is alleged the chain of evidence is complete.—*Kobe Chronicle*.

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## NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

IN accordance with Government Notification No. 358, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY and TUESDAY, the 2nd and 3rd January, 1905.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1904. [3012]

## TO LET

GODOWNS No. 100 and 101, Praya East, with Water Frontage.

Apply to—

## VICTORIA BUILDINGS

Hongkong, 29th December, 1904. [3013]

## SWATOW DISTRICT

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 37.

## WRECK OF THE S.S. "WORKFIELD"

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Wreck of the British Steamer Workfield lies sunk in about 18 fathoms at low water spring tides.

Cape of Good Hope bearing N. 45° W. 15 Miles. (Approximate).

A. HOLZ, Harbour Master.

Approved, FRANK SMITH, Acting Commissioner of Customs.

Custom House, Swatow, 27th December, 1904. [3014]

## PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

SATURDAY, the 31st DECEMBER, 1904, at 11.30 A.M., at his SALES ROOMS, Duddell Street,

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Comprising:—

BROWN KID, BROWN GLACE, BLACK BOX KID, BLACK CALF, BLACK KID, BLACK GLACE, &c., &c., &c.

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"AUSTRALIAN," Captain Shaw, will be despatched for the above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 11th January, at NOON.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of passengers the Steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1904. [3016]

## STEAMSHIP "AUSTRALIEN" COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex s.s. Matapan, and Charante, from Havre ex s.s. Laitier, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before NOON, To-day, the 28th inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after Wednesday, the 4th January, at NOON, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 4th January, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on Wednesday, the 4th January, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. BRIDOU, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1904. [2]

## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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THE Company's Steamship

"LAISANG,"

having arrived from the above ports. Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1904. [1933]

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND POOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN,"

Captain Rosch, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 30th inst., at 10 A.M.

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Hongkong, 28th December, 1904. [3011]

## AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"GISELA,"

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Hongkong, 28th December, 1904. [3]

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Hongkong, 21st December, 1904. [2953]

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Hongkong, 2nd December, 1904. [2801]

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H. WEISMANN, Manager.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1904. [3001]

IF JULIA GRAY or MENZIES will communicate with the undersigned she will hear of something to her advantage. The above was last heard of in Hongkong about the year 1885. Her husband Henry Menzies was then master of the S.S. "Yesso" trading with Hongkong.

Any information as to either of these persons or their Children will be gratefully received by their relatives.

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Hongkong, 24th December, 1904. [2985]

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Hongkong, 28th December, 1904. [3002]

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Hongkong, 28th December, 1904. [3004]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Call of \$7.50 per Share has been made in respect of all Shares not fully paid up, and that such call is Payable on 3rd January, 1905, at the Registered Office of the Company, Alexandra Buildings, Des Vaux Road, Hongkong.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1904. [2573]

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## AUCTION

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HAT-STANDS with MIRROR, OVER-MANTELS with BEVELLED MIRROR, FANCY TABLES, PICTURES, ENGRAVINGS, ORNAMENTS, &c., &c., &c.

EXTENSION DINING TABLE, SIDE-BOARDS with BEVELLED MIRROR, DINNER WAGON, DINNER SET (almost new), CHIFFONNIER with MIRROR, CANE SEAT DINING CHAIRS, CARPET, CUPBES, MARBLE-TOP TABLES, &c., &c., &c.

DOUBLE and SINGLE IRON BED-STEADS, WARDROBES with BEVELLED MIRRORS, DRESSING TABLES with BEVELLED MIRROR, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS, WRITING TABLES, &c., &c., &c.

GLASS, CROCKERY and PLATED WARE, &c. BATH-ROOM REQUISITES; Also

2 CARRYING CHAIRS; 2 RICKSHAS; 2 BICYCLES; 2 SEWING MACHINES; And

One COTTAGE PIANO by "Pleyel" (in Good Condition).

TERMS:—Cash on delivery, the 27th December. On view from Tuesday, the 27th December.

GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1904. [2975]



# OCEAN STEAM SHIP CO., LD. AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD. JOINT SERVICES.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.  
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,  
NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAVA,  
AND SUMATRA PORTS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"PRIAM"	On 4th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"WRAYCASTLE"	On 5th January.

## OUTWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"MOYUNE"	On 3rd January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"HYSON"	On 17th January.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"HECTOR"	On 20th January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"PRIAM"	On 31st January.

## TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.		

For Freight, apply to—

**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
AGENTS.**

Hongkong, 7th December, 1904.

# CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"TAIWAN"	On 29th December.
KOBE	"KASHING"	On 29th December.
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 3rd January.
KOBE	"TAIYUAN"	On 3rd January.
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"TAIYUAN"	On 20th January.

\* The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these  
steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A daily qualified  
Surgeon is carried.

\* Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.  
\* Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand Ports and other  
Australian Ports.

REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND  
AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

For Freight or Passage, apply to—

**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
AGENTS.**

Hongkong, 28th December, 1904.

# IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

## NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT  
SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG,  
PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; ALSO  
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON  
AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

STEAMERS WILL CALL AT GIBRALTAR AND SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS  
AND LUGGAGE.

N.P.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES  
IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

STEAMERS	SAILING DATES
SEYDLITZ	WEDNESDAY 4th January 1905
ROON	WEDNESDAY 18th January
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY 1st February
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY 15th February
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY 1st March
PRINZESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY 15th March
PRINZ REGENT LUTPOLD	WEDNESDAY 29th March
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY 12th April
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY 26th April

ON WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of JANUARY, 1905, at Noon, the Steamship  
"SEYDLITZ," Captain C. Dewers, with MAELS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and  
CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on MONDAY, the 2nd January. Cargo and  
Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 3rd January, and Parcels will  
be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on TUESDAY, the 3rd January.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50,  
and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.  
The Steamer has splendid accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses.  
Linen can be washed on board.

## NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to  
**MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.**

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1904.

# SOUTH AFRICAN LINE OF STEAMERS.

HONGKONG DIRECT, OR VIA CHEFOO OR CHIN-WAN-TAO, TO DURBAN, NATAL.  
The following chartered steamers will run at intervals of about 3 weeks:—

S.S. "LOTHIAN"	Captain J. C. Williamson.
S.S. "BOFALA"	Captain G. A. Shepherd.
S.S. "INDRASHAMA"	Captain R. P. Craven.
S.S. "INDRASHAMA"	Captain S. Cullington.
S.S. "COURTFIELD"	Captain J. W. Martin.
S.S. "SWANLEY"	Captain J. P. Dawson.
S.S. "CRANLEY"	Captain W. B. Steele.
S.S. "IKBAL"	Captain M. Robertson.
S.S. "ASCOT"	Captain C. E. Cox.
S.S. "INKUM"	Captain E. S. Pearce.
S.S. "SIKH"	Captain J. Rowley.
S.S. "SEALDA"	Captain Geo. Brown.

For Freight, apply to

**GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,  
AGENTS.**

Hongkong, 19th November, 1904.

# HONGKONG-MANILA.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between  
Hongkong and Manila. Saloon midships. Electric Light Perfect  
Cuisine. SURGEON and STEWARDESSES carried. All the most up-to-  
date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

# CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

STEAMSHIP	TONS	CAPTAIN	FOR	SAILING DATE
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila	Sat., 31st Dec., 10 A.M.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila	Sat., 7th Jan., 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage apply to

**SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
GENERAL MANAGERS.**

Hongkong, 24th December, 1904.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP,  
PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

### THE H.A.L. Steamship

"SITHONIA,"  
Captain Hildebrandt, having arrived from the  
above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
requested to send in their Bills of Lading for  
counter-signature by the Undersigned and to  
take immediate delivery of their Goods from  
alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless  
notice to the contrary be given before To-day,  
the 23rd inst.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be  
loaded into the Godowns of the Hongkong and  
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited,  
and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining  
undelivered after the 30th inst., will be subject  
to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are  
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on the 30th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
**HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,  
Hongkong Office,  
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1904.** [2979]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

### THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"JAVA,"  
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA,  
PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named  
vessel are hereby informed that their goods are  
being landed and placed at their risk in the  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
Company's Godowns at Kowloon where each  
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark  
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the  
Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—  
From London, E.C., & S. Marmora.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless  
instructions are given to the contrary before  
1 P.M., To-day, the 24th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 31st inst., at 4 P.M.  
will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in  
any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Go-  
downs for examination by the Consignees and  
the Company's representatives at an appointed  
hour. All Claims must be presented within  
ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after  
which date they cannot be recognised. No  
Claims will be admitted after the Goods have  
left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1904. [1]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN  
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

### THE Steamship

"ROON,"  
OF THE NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,  
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
informed that their Goods, with the exception  
of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being  
landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns  
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and  
Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence  
delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless  
notice to the contrary be given before 1 P.M.,  
To-day, the 22nd inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining  
undelivered after the 29th inst., will be subject  
to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are  
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on Thursday, the 29th inst., at  
9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 3rd  
January, 1905, or they will not be recognised.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the  
undersigned.

**NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,  
MELCHERS & CO.,  
Agents.**

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1904. [5]

AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK VIA CAPE OF  
GOOD HOPE.

### THE Steamship

"MASSAPEQUA,"  
Captain H. Scott, having arrived from the  
above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
informed that their Goods are being landed at  
their risk in the Godowns of the Wanchai  
Storing Company at Wanchai, and stored at  
Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining  
undelivered after the 4th January, will be  
subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are  
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on the 4th January, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
**SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Agents.**

Hongkong, 27th December, 1904. [3999]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED,  
AND  
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVI-  
GATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"PELEUS,"  
are hereby notified that the Cargo is being  
discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the  
Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon  
Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both  
cases it will be at Consignees' risk. The Cargo  
will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown  
on or after the 26th inst.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice  
has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are  
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined at 11 A.M., on the 30th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods  
remaining undelivered after the 31st inst., will  
be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be  
presented to the undersigned on or before the  
3rd prox., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.**

Hongkong, 24th December, 1904. [10-11]

## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

#### THE Steamship

"PRINSESSE MARIE,"  
OF THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LD., COPENHAGEN,  
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
informed that their Goods, with the exception  
of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being  
landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns  
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and  
Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence  
delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless  
notice to the contrary be given before 1 o'clock,  
this Afternoon, the 24th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining  
undelivered after the 31st inst., will be  
subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to  
be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on Saturday, the 31st inst., at  
9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 5th  
January, 1905, or they will not be recognised.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the  
undersigned.

**THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LD.,  
MELCHERS & CO.,  
Agents.**

Hongkong, 24th December, 1904. [3995]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED,  
AND  
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVI-  
GATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"SOBRALENSE,"  
are hereby notified that the Cargo is being  
discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the  
Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon  
Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both  
cases it will be at Consignees' risk. The Cargo  
will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown  
on or after the 24th inst.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice  
has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to  
be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined at 11 A.M., on the 29th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods  
remaining undelivered after the 29th inst.,  
will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be  
presented to the Undersigned on or before the  
1st prox., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.**

Hongkong, 24th December, 1904. [10-11]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI-  
GATION COMPANY.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, FIUME, PORT SAID,  
ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG,  
AND SINGAPORE.

### THE Company's Steamship

"CHINA,"  
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
informed that their Goods are being landed  
at their risk in the Godowns of the  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
Co., Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

This Vessel brings Cargo—  
From Levant ex s.s. *Amphitrite*, tranship-  
ped at Port Said.

From Venice ex s.s. *Venus*, transhipped at  
Trieste.

From Trieste ex s.s. *Imperator*, transhipped  
at Bombay.

From Zanzibar ex s.s. *Korber*, transhipped  
at Aden.

Optional Cargo will be discharged here unless  
notice to the contrary be given immediately.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be  
sent in to the Office of the undersigned before  
Noon, on the 30th December, or they will not  
be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any  
Goods remaining in the Godowns after the  
30th December, will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
**SANDER, WIELER & CO.,  
Agents.**

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1904. [3]

## NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

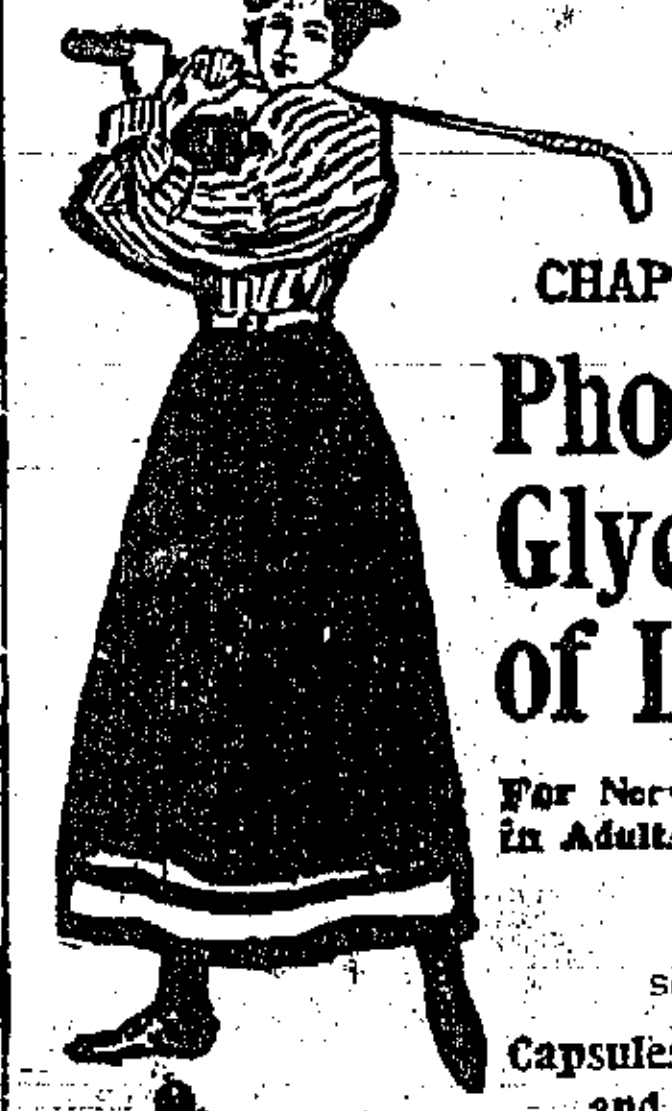
THE NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA are  
prepared, during suspension of their  
Trans-Pacific Service and until further notice  
to book cargo and issue Bills of Lading to  
SEATTLE, WASH., VICTORIA, B.C., and  
PACIFIC COAST PORTS, also to OVER-  
LAND POINTS IN THE UNITED STATES  
AND CANADA in connection with the GREAT  
NORTHERN RAILWAY from SEATTLE  
as indicated by the steamers of the NORTHERN  
PACIFIC S.S. CO., BOSTON STEAMSHIP  
and TOWBOAT CO.'S, OCEAN S.S. CO.,  
and CHINA MUTUAL S.S. CO.

For Further Particulars, apply at the  
Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's  
Building, First Floor, Charter Road.

A. S. MIHARA,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1904. 2256

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## SHIPPING IN PORT.

### STEAMERS.

AGINGOURT, British str., 2,876, H. T. Worsnop,  
Haitian Island 1st Oct.—Gilmor & Co.  
ARBOVA, British str., 2,270, W. L. Smith, 27th  
December.—Mojito 21st Dec., Coal.—Dod-  
well & Co.

BELGIAN KING, British str., 2,353, J. Hayton,  
2nd Dec.—Mojito 28th Nov., Coal.—Bradley  
& Co.

BOURBON, French str., 997, Sisco, 27th Dec.  
—Manila 24th Dec., Ballast.—Chinese.

BRUNHILDE, German str., 854, H. Sell, 23rd  
December.—Bangkok 16th Dec., Rice.—  
Sander, WIELER & Co.

CHIVUEN, Chinese str., 1,177, Charles Stewart,  
23rd Dec.—Shanghai 20th Dec., General.  
—Chinese.

CHOWFA, German str., 1,055, T. Spiesen, 23rd  
December.—Bangkok 17th Dec., General.  
—Butterfield & Swire.

CLAVERING, British str., 2,154, Barton, 19th  
December.—Salina Cruz 14th Nov.—China  
Commercial S.S. Co.

CORTIC, British str., 2,744, R. Loboz, R.N.E.,  
27th December.—San Francisco 26th Nov.,  
and Shanghai 23rd December, General.—O.  
& S. N. Co.

DON OLA, British str., 2,820, M. N. English,  
15th Dec.—New York 16th Sept., Case Oil.  
—Standard Oil Co.

DUNAV, Austrian str., 2,492, Thainio, 22nd Dec.  
—Kutchinotzu 16th Dec., Coal.—M. B.  
Kushia.

ELAX, British str., 2,612, E. S. Baker, 12th  
December.—Arore Bay 1st Oct., Bulk Oil.  
—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

EMAL LUYKEN, German str., 1,160, H. Martens,  
21st Dec.—Samarang (Java) 10th Dec.,  
Sugar and Cotton Seed.—Chinese.

EMPEROR OF CHINA, British str., 3,046, E.  
Bootham, R.N.E., 20th Dec.—Vancouver  
(B.C.) 25th Nov. and Shanghai 18th Dec.,  
Mails and General.—C. P. & L. Co.

FERNDENE, British str., 2,444, Fisher, 18th  
December.—Batoum via Colombo 4th Nov.,  
Petroleum.—Dodwell & Co.

GOLDMOUTH, British str., 4,363, Starkey, 1st  
December.—Batoum 25th October, Oil.—  
Dodwell & Co.

HAICHING, British str., 1,267, A. E. Hodgins,  
25th Dec.—Takao 24th Dec.—Douglas  
Laprick & Co.

HALABAN, Dutch str., 385, J. Steendam, 6th  
December.—Poonchew 2nd Dec., Ballast.—  
Arnold, Karberg & Co.

HOUSMAN, German str., 985, J. C. Hansen,  
27th Dec.—Haiphong 25th Dec., Rice.—  
Jobson & Co.

HUE, French str., 705, Godinau, 27th Nov.—  
Haiphong and Ports 26th Nov., General.—  
A. B. Marty.

INDRAVELLI, British str., 3,125, S. Cullington,  
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## POST OFFICE NOTICES

The parcel mail from Europe, per *S. Coromandel* being the Christmas Mail and an exceedingly heavy one, the parcels will not be ready for delivery to the public until Sunday morning. The parcel receipts will be distributed by the 12 noon delivery on Saturday or as soon as possible after the arrival of the ship in the Harbour.

The Parcel Office will open from 8 till 11 a.m. on Sunday, and from 8 till 9 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday.

The public are requested to post their local New Year Cards early.

Attention is called to page 5, paragraph 50, of the Hongkong Postal Guide, which has reference to the stamping and posting of New Year Cards.

Cards which are sealed or forwarded in closed covers with the corners cut off or with notched ends will be treated as letters and cannot be forwarded at Book Post rate.

The 2nd and 3rd of January 1905, having been declared public holidays, the Post Office will be closed, except from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. There will be one delivery and one collection on Sundays. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

In future, the following will be the hours of clearance of Pillar Boxes in Kowloon.

Cosmopolitan Dock	8.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m.
Hong Kong Dock	8.15 a.m., 1.00 p.m.
Yau Ma Tei Police station	9.00 a.m., 1.00 p.m.
Gas Works	8.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m., 1.45 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.
Cameroon Road	8.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m., 1.45 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

On Sundays there will be one clearance only.

The *Korea*, with the American mail left Nagasaki on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at 5 p.m., and may be expected here to-morrow, at 2 p.m.

The *Coromandel*, with the English Mail of the 2nd December, left Singapore on Sunday, the 25th inst., at noon, and may be expected here on about Saturday, the 31st inst.

## MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Macao	Wingchai	Thursday, 29th, 7.30 a.m.
Canton	Hankow	Thursday, 29th, 7.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hankow	Thursday, 29th, 9.00 a.m.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Manipone	Thursday, 29th, 11.00 a.m.
Hankow and Peking	J. Diederichsen	Thursday, 29th, 11.00 a.m.
Moji, and Salina Cruz (Mexico)	Claesing	Thursday, 29th, 11.00 a.m.
Kobe	Koshing	Thursday, 29th, 1.45 p.m.
Macao	Hankow	Thursday, 29th, 3.00 p.m.
Shanghai	Borham	Thursday, 29th, 3.00 p.m.
Swatow and Shanghai	Kuonsang	Thursday, 29th, 3.00 p.m.
Kongmoon and Kumbuk	Takling	Thursday, 29th, 5.00 p.m.
Namtau	Takling	Thursday, 29th, 5.00 p.m.
Sanbau	Hofu	Thursday, 29th, 5.00 p.m.
Canton	Poyan	Thursday, 29th, 5.00 p.m.
Canton	Fatshan	Friday, 30th, 7.30 a.m.
Macao	Wingchai	Friday, 30th, 9.00 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hankow	Friday, 30th, 1.45 p.m.
Macao	Hankow	Friday, 30th, 1.45 p.m.
Straits Colonies and Bombay	Ginela	Friday, 30th, 3.00 p.m.
Shanghai	Loksuang	Friday, 30th, 3.00 p.m.
Manila	Loksuang	Friday, 30th, 3.00 p.m.
Canton	Hankow	Friday, 30th, 3.00 p.m.
Macao	Wingchai	Saturday, 31st, 7.30 a.m.
Canton	Poyan	Saturday, 31st, 9.00 a.m.
Manila	Rubi	Saturday, 31st, 9.00 a.m.

TO-DAY.

Sole, Household Furniture, Sales Rooms, Mr. Geo. P. Lamont, 2.30 p.m.

Pollard's Lilliputian Opera Co., Theatre Royal, City Hall, 9 p.m.

## COMMERCIAL

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

28th December

ON LONDON.—

Telegraphic Transfer	111 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	111 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	111 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	111 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight	111 1/2
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	111 1/2

ON PARIS.—

Bank Bills, on demand	244
Credits, at 4 months' sight	245

ON GERMANY.—

On demand	198 1/2
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ON NEW YORK.—

Bank Bills, on demand	47 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight	48 1/2

ON BOMBAY.—

Telegraphic Transfer	144 1/2
Bank, on demand	145

ON CALCUTTA.—

Telegraphic Transfer	144 1/2
Bank, on demand	145

ON SHANGHAI.—

Bank, at sight	71 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight	72 1/2

ON YOKOHAMA.—

On demand	95 1/2
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ON MANILA.—

On demand—Pesos	94 1/2
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ON SINGAPORE.—

On demand	11 p.m.
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ON BATAVIA.—

On demand	11 p.m.
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ON HAIPHONG.—

On demand	11 p.m.
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ON SAIGON.—

On demand	11 p.m.
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ON BANGKOK.—

On demand	11 p.m.
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SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$10.20
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tola	\$54.10
SILVER, 100 fine, per oz.	25 1/2

## OPUM.

Quotations are—	Allow 10c net, to 1 catty.
Malwa New	\$1070 to \$1080 per picul
Malwa Old	to \$1160
Malwa Older	to \$1220
Malwa V. Old	to \$1270
Persian fine quality	\$870 to
Persian extra fine	\$900 to
Patna New	\$1150 to
Patna Old	to
Bengal New	\$1105 to
Bengal Old	to

## VESSELS EXPECTED.

**THE AMERICAN MAIL.**

The P.M. steamer *Korea* left Nagasaki for this port direct on Tuesday, the 27th Dec., at 5 p.m., and is due here to-morrow, at 2 p.m.

**THE BRITISH MAIL.**

The P. & O. steamer *Coromandel* left Singapore for this port on the 25th Dec., at noon, and is due here on the 31st Dec., about noon.

**THE GERMAN MAIL.**

The I.G.M. steamer *Seydlitz* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 25th Dec., p.m., and may be expected here on Tuesday, the 3rd Jan.

The I.G.M. steamer *Bayern* left Colombo on Saturday, p.m., and may be expected here on Thursday, the 5th Jan.

**THE CANADIAN MAIL.**

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of India* left Vancouver on Monday, the 26th Dec., p.m., for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

**THE HOLLAND MAIL.**

The Glen Line steamer *Glenloch* left Singapore on the 22nd Dec., and is due here to-day.

The N.C. steamer *Taiwan*, from Australasian ports, left Sydney on the 7th Dec., and is due here to-day.

The steamer *Shimoda* left Singapore for this port on the 24th Dec.

The O.S. & C.M. steamer *Prism* left Singapore on the 24th Dec., at daylight, and is due here to-morrow.

The O.S. & C.M. steamer *Deucalion* left Moji on the 26th Dec., at daylight, and is due here about the 31st Dec.

The H.A.L. steamer *Arcadia*, from Hanoi, left Singapore for this port on the 24th Dec., p.m., and is due here on the 31st Dec.

## JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 27th December.

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
<b>Banks—</b>		
Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	\$715, sales
Nat'l. Bank of China		1/20, 270 1/2.
Union		
China Bank of Commerce	28	\$30.
B. Shares	28	\$80.
Four Shares	21	\$10.
<b>Insurance—</b>		
China Fire	\$100	\$650, sellers
China Traders	\$100	\$54, sales
North China	25	1/20, 270 1/2, sales & sel.
Yangtze	60	\$100.
Canton	\$50	\$250, buyers
Hongkong Fire	\$50	\$335, sales
China Fire	\$50	\$30, sales & buyers
Steamship Coys.—		
H. Cotton and M.	\$100	\$284, sellers
H. China & S. N.	45	\$127.
China and Manila	\$50	\$23, sales
Donghai Steamship	\$50	\$334, buyers
Star Ferry	\$10	\$40, sellers
Shell Transport & Trading Co.	\$5	\$29, sellers
Do. pref. shares	21	28.
Do. ord. shares	210	28 1/2.
Refineries—		
China Sugar	\$100	\$227, buyers
Laurel Sugar	\$100	\$15, buyers
<b>Mining—</b>		
Charbonnages	18/10	\$480.
Do. ord. shares	18/10	\$4, sellers
Do. Etc.—		
H. & W. Dock	\$50	\$215, sales
H. & W. Dock & G.	\$50	\$112, sellers
New Ancey Dock	\$50	\$27, sales
S. K. & S. N. Co.	1/10	1/10, 1/10.
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land	\$100	\$147, sellers
Kowloon Land & B.	\$80	\$389, buyers
West Point Building	\$50	\$59, sellers
Hongkong Hotel	\$50	\$144, sellers
Munipreys E. & S.	\$10	\$124, sellers
Shanghai Land	\$50	\$117.
<b>Cotton Mills—</b>		
Edo	1/10	2/15, buyers
International	1/10	2/15.
Laon Kung Mow	1/10	2/15.
Soyokhe	1/10	2/15, buyers
Hongkong	1/10	\$134.
<b>Compagies, Ltd.—</b>		
Amamita, Ltd.	\$500	\$100, buyers
Do. ord. shares	1/10	\$54.
Do. pref. shares	1/10	\$40, buyers
Campbell, Moore & Co.	\$12	\$184, sales
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.	\$10	\$19, sales
China Prov. L. & M.	\$10	\$30, buyers
Lauri Farm	\$10	\$30, buyers
Geo. Fenwick & Co.	\$10	\$30, sales
Green Island Cement	\$10	\$15, buyers
Hongkong Electric	\$10	\$5, buyers
H. & L. Tramways	\$10	\$160, buyers
Hongkong Ice	\$10	\$25, buyers
Hongkong Rope	\$10	\$125, buyers
H. K. Steam Water	\$10	\$20, sellers
Do. Co. Ltd.	\$10	\$20, sellers
<b>Philippine Co., Ltd.</b>		
S. & H. Dyeing & C.	\$50	\$50.
Co. Ltd.	\$25	\$24, buyers
S. C. & S. Co.	\$10	\$10, sellers
China Light and Power Co., Ltd.	\$5	\$7.
Steam Laundry Co.	\$5	\$7.
Do.	\$5	\$7.
United Asbestos	\$10	\$34, buyers
Do.	\$10	\$34, buyers
Watkins, Ltd.	\$10	\$13, sellers
Watson & Co., A.S.	\$10	\$121, sales & sel.
William Powell, Ltd.	\$10	\$121, buyers

## VERNON &amp; SMYTH, Brokers.

## HONGKONG TIDE TABLE

From 29th December to the 4th January.			
High Water.		Low Water.	
Time	Height	Time	Height
29th Dec.		29th Dec.	
10.30	10.30	10.30	10.30
11.30	11.30	11.30	11.30
12.30	12.30	12.30	12.30
13.30	13.30	13.30	13.30
14.30	14.30	14.30	14.30
15.30	15.30	15.30	15.30
16.30	16.30	16.30	16.30
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23.30	23.30	23.30	23.30
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25.30	25.30	25.30	25.30
26.30	26.30	26.30	26.30
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5.30	5.30	5.30	5.30
6.30	6.30	6.30	6.30
7.30	7.30	7.30	7.30
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